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NOTABLE DEATHS.

FRANK T. CAMPBELL was born in Ohio, May 8, 1836; he died in Lima, Ohio, March 6, 1907. On the completion of his education at the age of twenty years, he came to Iowa and settled at Newton, Jasper county, where he soon after engaged with his brother, A. K. Campbell, in the publication of *The Newton Journal*. He was active in promoting enlistments in the Union army during the civil war and served a short time as captain of Company B, 40th Iowa Infantry. He was elected in 1873 for the regular term of four years to the State Senate. The question of regulating the tariffs for freight charges by railroads was just then coming into serious agitation. In this legislation he took a prominent part during the ensuing eight years, as he was returned to the Senate for a second term. He is understood to have been the author of the famous "Granger Law." In 1877 the Republicans nominated him for Lieutenant-Governor. He was duly elected with Gov. John H. Gear, and re-elected two years later. He became an efficient and decidedly popular presiding officer. He served in this capacity during the sessions of 1878 and 1880. Governor William Larrabee in 1888 appointed him Railroad Commissioner for the term of three years. In 1889 the Legislature having provided for the election of Railroad Commissioners by the people, Mr. Campbell was elected to serve three years from January, 1889. At the end of this term he was defeated at the polls and retired to private life. After he left the office of Railroad Commissioner he entered into mercantile business in Des Moines, but some two years ago removed to Lima, Ohio, where he and his son, Bert, published a daily newspaper. This enterprise was understood by his friends to have become fairly prosperous until failing health compelled his retirement. In each of the varied positions he had occupied Mr. Campbell had not only shown that he possessed marked ability and high courage, but that he was thoroughly devoted to what he deemed the best interests of the people and the State. The Senate has not had a better presiding officer. No situation arose in that body during the period of his service to which he was not equal. He was well versed in the laws and rules which govern deliberative bodies, cool and collected, clear in his decisions and actuated by a spirit of candor and honesty. Those who had won his confidence ever found him an abiding friend. It is a loss to the State when that type of man is driven by the exigencies of politics into private life.

JOHN D. HUNTER was born in Knoxville, Ohio, August 12, 1834; he died in Webster City, Iowa, March 19, 1907. The record says that between the ages of nine and fourteen years he was a student in the public schools near his home about half of each year. When his education in the school-room was completed he attended the Ashland Academy a year. About this time his father removed to Bryan, Williams county, on the western boundary of the Maumee valley, a region which was known as "the Black Swamp country." He there entered the printing-office of his father and devoted himself to learning the trade, acquiring a practical knowledge of the newspaper business in all its departments. When he reached the age of twenty he entered into the publication of *The Hoosier Banner*, at Angola, Steuben county, Ind. He continued this enterprise about a year, when from its failure to be remunerative, he discontinued the paper. He returned to Ohio and was employed for a time in different printing-offices. In the summer

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